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PREPARING THEIR FIRST LESSON for the USDA Graduate School Report Writing course are three employees in the office of Attache Clyde R. Keaton, Belgrade. They are, left to right, Dusan Ristic, Aleksandar Cerne and Miss Svetlana Dimic, agricultural assistants. Started in 1921, the Graduate School has expanded its offerings so that about 17,000 people enroll annually in 700 courses. Over 2,000 students enroll annually in the correspondence courses.

FASers Around the World Take Graduate School Courses

January 21 through 28 was registration week for the USDA Graduate School. This was a reminder that many FAS locals around the world are taking Graduate School correspondence courses.

The following FAS local employees have been enrolled in such courses during the past year:

Kinya Hatsuta, Kunio Uyena and Kenzo Naito, Tokyo; Dharam Vir Khosla and Manmohan Singh Takkar, New Delhi; Roberto Ravenna, Milan; Albert Cacciaguerra, Rome; Dusan Ristic, Aleksandar Cerne, and Svetlana Dimic, Belgrade; Report Writing, No. 236-C.

Julio A. Castilla and Luis Humberto Arrese, Lima; Kalastri Nathan, New Delhi: Better Letters, No. 130-C.

Albert Eberhard, Bern: Technical Writing, No. 500-C.

Vishwa Mitter Tandon, New Delhi: Modern Supervisory Practice, No. 205-C.

RETIRED ATTACHE ARRANGES TOUR

A mid-winter tour south of the equator is being conducted by Gordon Schlubatis, retired ag attache, for 14 other Michigan residents. Ten days in Morocco will take the group to three Imperial cities, Fez, Marrakesh and Rabat. Temples and tombs in the Valley of the Queens and the Tombs of Tutakhamen and Rameses as well as a camel ride around the pyramids and the Sphinx will highlight the Cairo visit. Four weeks will be spent in Kenya and Tanzania where Gordon and Harriet were located for four years.

They will return to their one-year-old 'Hill House' located 'midst their farm and orchard at Coldwater, Michigan. The orchard provided a bountiful harvest last year as well as physical, mental and monetary rewards. The Schlubatisses anticipate frequent visits with their three children and their families which were heretofore impossible. Gordon and Harriet cite the celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary, shared with relatives and friends, as the family highlight of 1966.



Ernest
Koenig

Ernest Koenig
has been named
agricultural
attache to the
U. S. Mission

to the European Community, Brussels.
Ernest succeeds John Montel who
joined Esso (Africa) headquarters in
Geneva.

Ernest has previously served as
assistant attache and acting attache
at the Brussels post. Before that he
was assistant attache at Bonn and
served in a number of positions with
FAS/W. He is married and has a
daughter, Nicole.

NATIONAL SKI WEEK

Washington's fickle, flirtatious weather
reached the balmy 70's during the week of
January 20-29 — officially endorsed as National
Ski Week by Secretary of Agriculture Orville
L. Freeman.

More than 200 developed ski areas are on
national forest lands, administered by USDA's
Forest Service. Although the Washington area
weather did not tempt skiers, other ski slopes
were more hospitable to this international
winter sport.

Just 597 air miles away, Chicago was
smothered under a record 23 inches of snow—
with drifts up to 8 feet deep.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Washington's warm January
weather invited the early blooming spring
flowers to appear only to have 11-inch February
snows blanket them. Much deeper snows covered
New York and other areas.

WORK WORKS FOR DOLLAR SALES

Sam and Margaret Work, on home leave,
were in FAS/W in early February. As they
traveled across the U.S., Sam managed several
stops to discuss U.S. dollar sales to Thailand
of wheat, cattle, canned goods, poultry and red
meats with U.S. firms and organizations. After
traveling from San Francisco to Washington,
D.C., through the winter cold and snows, the
Works were happy to be going back to the
delightfully warm weather in Thailand. Before
returning to Bangkok in mid-March, Sam and
Margaret hope to stop in Hawaii to visit former
college and business associates.

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CLARENCE BOONSTRA IS COSTA RICAN AMBASSADOR



President Lyndon Johnson has announced
the appointment of Clarence A. Boonstra of
Michigan as Ambassador to Costa Rica. A
career foreign service officer, Mr. Boonstra
succeeds Raymond Telles, who resigned.

Mr. Boonstra is well known by FAS through
his association with the Attache Service. In
1943 he went to Havana as assistant agricultural
attache. In Manila he was agricultural attache
in 1945, and he went to Lima as attache in
1947. He was detailed with the Foreign Agri-
cultural Service in 1954. Prior to the current
appointment, Mr. Boonstra was deputy chief
of mission at the American Embassy in Mexico.

WEDDING BELLS IN DECEMBER

Hilton Bateman and Mrs. Bateman went to Honolulu, Hawaii for the December 20 wedding of their daughter, Virginia Louise, to Kenneth M. Hewitt, at the Kawaiahao Congregational Church, Honolulu, Hawaii. Hilton, retired, was formerly chief, Reports and Analysis Branch, Program Operations Division. The bride is employed as a mathematician with the Naval Ammunition depot, Lualualei, Oahu. Mr. Hewitt is serving with the Navy on the U.S.S. Joseph Strauss, based in Pearl Harbor.

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Margaret Enzler, secretary, USEC, Brussels, flew to the States for the wedding of her sister at Bethesda, Md., on January 28. Before returning to her post, she visited FAS/W offices briefly.

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IT'S TOUGH TO RETIRE, but Walter Sikes, former director of the Fats and Oils Division, seems to be making the best of it. After 30 years with USDA, Walter retired in December, 1965. He and his wife, Jessie, went to Largo, Florida, and bought a house three months after their arrival. Walter is shown in his yard with his dock and boat behind him.



A BOY AND HIS DOG -- David Rowan and Junja Von Maher are serious as they go through the paces in

the Santiago Kennel Club Exposition. Junja did not disappoint her master as she won first prize in her category. David is the son of Wally Rowan, agricultural attache at Santiago. Wally, his wife, Mildred, and David, came through Washington in January after enjoying home leave with relatives and friends in Florida and Georgia. They have now returned to their post in Santiago.

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Virginia Stratton, newly arrived secretary in London, walks through Hyde Park to work each day. While she awaits the arrival of the last of her possessions from Cairo, she is using the Embassy "survival kit" of dishes.

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FOR A JOB WELL DONE--Agricultural Attache John D. Motz places flowers at the monument which Grecian villagers erected to honor Walter Packard for his irrigation-drainage work at Anthili. Before placing the wreath, John notified the village president of Mr. Packard's death. Before Mr. Packard went to Greece in 1949, the area surrounding Anthili had been regarded as useless because of improper drainage and mosquito infestation. Mr. Packard showed the villagers how to drain the land and how to produce rice and other crops on it.



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Rawalpindi, Pakistan, is now home base for Acting Attache Harry Bryan, and other Pakistani agricultural attache staffers. The offices were moved to Rawalpindi from Karachi on February 1.

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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR—In-Store Food Promotions and Trade Fairs once more are promoting U.S. farm produce for the world's food basket. In F.Y. 1966, U.S. farm exports for dollars amounted to more than \$5 billion. Around the world, agricultural attaches work behind the scenes and provide leadership and knowledge to sell U.S. food. At left, below, Agricultural Attache Paul Quintus accepts a strawberry from an airline hostess. With them are Thomas E. Drumm, counsellor, U.S. Embassy, Paris, and a booth hostess. Colorful, tempting fresh fruits and vegetables air-freight fresh from California, Florida, and Hawaii were among the stars at the Paris exhibit in November. At right, below, the Manila attache staff is on hand to officially open a Good Food USA Exhibit at the Makati Supermart. Shown at the ribbon cutting ceremony, left to right, are Roy Paramore, agricultural attache; James M. Wilson, Minister, American Embassy; John Ng, promotion manager, Makati Supermark; Frank Waddle, assistant agricultural attache; and Henry Ng, manager, Makati Supermart.



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK. U.S. export of wheat through the P.L. 480 program plays an important role in the work of many attaches. Pictured signing the 37,500-metric-ton wheat agreement between the U.S. and Iran are, left to right, sitting: Mr. R. Harlan, economic counselor of the Embassy; General Riahi, minister for agriculture, Iran; Mr. Armin Meyer, U.S. Ambassador to Iran. Standing: Eng. Sadaghiani, deputy minister of agriculture, Steve Stephanides, agricultural attache. Iran has become a sizable dollar market for American farm products, especially wheat and soybean oil.



NEW ZEALAND KUMARAS (sweet potatoes) are examined by Dr. Julian Miller and Attache Gordon Loveless, left to right, at the latter's residence in Lower Hutt, New Zealand. Dr. Miller wanted the potatoes for breeding work. More than 50 cuttings of Kumara, brought to the islands by the Maoris centuries ago, were shipped to Beltsville for propagation in varietal test plots. Professor emeritus in Horticulture, Louisiana State University, Dr. Miller visited Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. While in Wellington, Dr. and Mrs. Miller were guests of Gordon and his wife, Joan.

GALLINA D'ORO WINNERS receive a silver cup and a smile in a mixed feed promotion contest. Bob Tetto, agricultural attache in Rome presents the "golden hen" contest award to the top three contestants who guessed the weight gain of a test flock of chickens. The Soybean Council provided silver cups for the top three winners at the Forlie Fair. The chief contribution was offered by the Italian Mixed Feed Association.





INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED OX TAILS, preferred by the United Kingdom butchers, are being examined by A. J. Cady of Armour and Co., Ltd., Attache Bob Anderson, Assistant Attache Karl Shoemaker and Assistant Attache Bill Scholz. The tails, shown along with individually wrapped tongues and kidneys, were part of the USA Variety Meats Exhibit at Smithfield Market, London.

Lois Gore, the singing secretary in Rabat, continues to delight audiences in Morocco. Her last reported concert was in December, and she was expected to give another concert this month.

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On January 31, Harry Varney said farewell to his FAS/W friends once more as he and his wife prepared to leave the next day for Harry's new attache position at Pretoria.

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WIEN HAT IMMER SAISON -- Attache Henry Baehr obviously finds it convenient to be multi-lingual as he participates in a popular radio program, What's Up in Vienna. Henry visited FAS/W in January after spending the holidays with his two sons and families in Topeka and Wichita, Kan., and with relatives in Nebraska. His stateside vacation included frustrating waits at air terminals, bus depots and train stations due to the deep December snows.

FROM THE NEW DELHI OFFICE

P. K. Nathan, agricultural research analyst, vacationed at his home district after an absence of seven years. He was gratified to see, first hand, American wheat being used to fight hunger in the Tanjore District, an area commonly thought to be the rice granary of Madras State.... Raj Gulati, chief agricultural analyst, moved into a new house after months of hard work.... Vishwa Tandon, chief agricultural analyst, became the first Indian staffer to own a TV set.... Ram Singh, driver and interpreter, this year numbered among his passengers the Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman, and Mrs. Freeman.

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Dr. Hameed M. Farooqui, agricultural economist with the agricultural attache's office in Karachi since January, 1955, resigned effective February 11. We will miss him very much. We extend our best wishes as he enters his new field of work.

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FAS was saddened early this month by the death of Robert H. Reed, retired, former attache to The Netherlands. Before joining the Attache Service, Mr. Reed edited the Country Gentleman magazine from 1942 until it ceased publication in 1955.

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HORACE DAVIS DISCUSSES WORLD AGRICULTURE at a recent meeting with our French local, Agricultural Specialist William Humbert, center, and Mr. Michel Le Gouis, right, agricultural attache to the United States. Mr. Humbert came to the United States as interpreter with an eight man beef feeding team who visited New York, Minnesota, Iowa and D. C.



HAMMING IT UP AT THE HAGUE

Louis M. Smith, Jr., agricultural attache at The Hague, writes that the Smiths heartily enjoyed a country style, hickory smoked ham mailed to them from Myrtle Beach. Ambassador William R. Tyler offered to take the ham home. Koy Neeley, assistant attache, said it looked mighty good even to a Texan.

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Burl Stugard, deputy assistant administrator, Agricultural Attaches, was FAS's representative on a team which reviewed USDA's work in Mexico. Carl Barnes, director of personnel, USDA, headed the group to Mexico early this month.

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Les Brown, administrator of IADS, was one of three high U.S. government officials named among the nation's 10 outstanding young men of 1966 by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce. Les was cited for his recommendation of a food relief program for India.

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EXTOLLING THE BEAUTY AND CHALLENGE OF CONGO, Aff I. Tannous, area officer, Near East and Africa, discusses a Congoprint calendar with Harwood McCoy who is going to Kinshasa as secretary to Agricultural Attache Dick Schwartz. Assignments abroad are not new to Harwood. She has previously served in Manila and Stockholm. A native of Tennessee, Harwood hopes to visit her twin daughters, one in St. Louis and one in San Francisco, before going to Kinshasa.

CLANCY V. JEAN NAMED GRAIN, FEEDS DIRECTOR

Clancy V. Jean has been named director of the Grain and Feed Division, FAS. He was previously chief of the Division's Foreign Marketing Branch.

He joined FAS in July, 1963, after working as the Washington representative for the Western Wheat Associates. Clancy, his wife, and two children live at Annandale, Virginia.

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Dear Attache:

This is your letter. Let us know what you want. Here are a few thoughts:

(1) Please keep a camera handy. We can use good quality black and white pictures as well as colored pictures and slides. If you only have a small box camera, and the picture is of questionable quality, please send the negative. The picture is better for The FAS Letter if an Attache staffer or a member of his family is in the picture.

(2) Keep us posted regarding vacations, hobbies, civic opportunities, children's activities, new babies, visiting dignitaries, unique work assignments, and the like.

(3) Let us know what the wives and secretaries are doing. One page in the January issue illustrated women's activities.

(4) FAS is compiling a picture file of the attache at work. These pictures explain to the world what the attache does. Slides and black and white pictures with captions are welcome. All pictures are returned unless you specify you do not want them.

Your response to date has been marvelous. We are eager to hear from each of you.

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Guy Schilling, Cotton Division, FAS, was elected president of the French Club at its January meeting. This will be Schilling's fourth consecutive term as president. Bill Doering, International Trade, was chairman of the nominating committee.

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GOOD NEWS!

Gordon and Virginia Lloyd announce the birth of a seven-pound-ten-ounce daughter, Liza Beth, at the Civic Hospital, Ottawa, on January 3. Gordon is assistant agricultural attache at Ottawa.

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Mr. and Mrs. Manmohan Singh Takkar of New Delhi announce the birth of a daughter in October. Mr. Takkar is the local principal clerk on the Delhi Attache staff.

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Dave and Carolyn Schoonover announce the birth of a seven-pound-one-ounce son, Brian Kirk, on January 25, in Warrenton, North Carolina. After home leave in North Carolina and Illinois, they will return to Moscow where Dave is assistant attache.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Marugg
(Mrs.) Marjorie Marugg
Editor, FAS Letter

Attache Bill Bowser, Quito, writes Area Officer Dale Farringer that his office's America the Beautiful pictures were used by USIS as part of the U.S. display at the Fair of Ecuador in November and December. Bill said the estimated 200,000 Ecuadoreans who viewed the scenes indicated a favorable impression of "rural America."

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Wilma Meeker was expected to return to Moscow in late January after having undergone surgery for gall stones. The wife of Brice Meeker, ag attache in Moscow, Wilma went to a Frankfurt hospital in mid-December.

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FAS expresses sympathy to Dr. Oscar Zaglits, former FAS international trade official, whose wife Carla, died shortly before Christmas. Friends wishing to write to Oscar may reach him at 1720 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, California, 93101.